

FCC Chairman Powell and commission members,

I object to the FCC's plan to further reduce media ownership rules. The original Telecommunications Act was designed to ensure that the public would have access to a wide range of news, information and programming, as well as diverse political views.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 removed barriers to ownership of radio stations, thus resulting in a great consolidation of radio station ownership. This of course has resulted in less diversity in radio programming and a less informed public.

Democracy depends on an informed public. Can we afford a further reduction in the diversity of information and still remain a viable Democracy? The plan to allow further reduction in ownership rules with little public debate is hardly an example of democracy in action!

Please do NOT eliminate or reduce media ownership rules as planned in June!

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